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From: Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/20/2021 10:07:07 PM
To: Duarte, Romie [Duarte.Romie@epa.gov]; Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
CC: Martinez Leon, Yarissa [martinez.yarissa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Cleaning up DDT from Santa Catalina Island dumping 1 20 2020.pdf

I had a good and wide ranging conversation with Mr. Greenberg.

He is interested in getting the drums and the contaminated sediment at Palos Verdes Shelf removed.

Specific to the drums, I told him we are working with our Federal, State, and local partners to better understand the problem.

He asked who is responsible for the cleanup of the drums and the related contaminants.

He assumed it is EPA.

I told him that it is a part of what we are trying to understand and that the issue is fairly complex due to the history of the ocean disposal site.

As to PV Shelf, we discussed the current status of the clean up and that EPA is currently working on a contract to fund a feasibility study to evaluate different technologies that we can use to cleanup PV Shelf.

Mr. Greenberg is interested in connecting me with a couple of marine salvage companies that he believes would have great idea on how to clean up PV Shelf.

I told him he can send them to me and I will be glad to use them as a resource when we explore potential cleanup alternatives.

To that end, I will respond to one of his earlier emails so he can have my contact information.

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Great thank you. As an FYI I did add him to my Montrose email list per his request.

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Talking to him now

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Subject: FW: Cleaning up DDT from Santa Catalina Island dumping 1 20 2020.pdf

Hi Judy,

I know you attempted to contact Mr. Greenberg this morning following my forwarding of yesterday's voicemail. Please see the email we received a short time ago regarding the DDT drums.

Please keep those EPA members on this email in the loop on how this should be handled.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Romie

Thank you,
Romie Duarte
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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:53 PM

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Dear EPA Region 9,

I am a concerned citizen that also happens to be a Mechanical Engineer and have watched a few salvage recovery videos on You-Tube. I would like to know how much money is left from the \$140 million settlement for the clean up effort of the Montrose Chemical DDT clean up? I thought if we modify a few shipping containers to make them into recovery robots/vessels we might be able to clean up the barrels on the ocean floor. Just a few thoughts. Has the EPA tried to recover the barrels?

Has anyone else been mapping the ocean floor that can be shared with the group to discuss where the largest sites to work on. It might be best to start on seeing if we can pick up one barrel then two etc... I would think the US Navy would have this area mapped pretty well by now. Maybe Google would help us out in the mapping effort. There are a few universities in California and this would be a good Senior Design project for the Engineering students. Just a thought. Or I should say a few of them. I look forward to hearing from you.

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/>

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.Cleanup&id=0900993#bkground>

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.schedule&id=0900993>

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/09/100021608.pdf>

Sincerely,

Jared Greenberg, just a guy with an idea.